

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1621 - HB 2000

March 21, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the Tennessee Protection of Minor Performers Act with jurisdiction vested in probate court to approve contracts for minors who wish to be employed in the entertainment field in positions including actor, actress, dancer, vocalist, writer, director and such. The bill sets out who has standing to file a petition for approval of such contract, provides for the appointment of a guardian ad litem when appropriate, and standards the court shall consider in determining whether to approve the contract. The bill would require that any contract that is approved by the court have the requirement for rendering services of the minor and include provisions for the protection of earnings of the minor. Specifies that nothing in the act shall repeal or affect the rights or powers under current law regarding the removal of disabilities of minors.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Any increased costs to the state court system as a result of additional cases is estimated to be not significant

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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